

EQUAL RIGHTS

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MEMBERS!



Pledge Congressional Candidates for the Equal Rights Amendment Without the Hayden Rider Support Senate Friends Who Voted Equality Straight

As we go to press, our thoughts are on the effect of the November elections on *the issue of supreme importance to women*—their equal status in the Constitution of the United States through the passage by Congress of the Equal Rights Amendment.

When the Equal Rights Amendment passed the Senate on January 25, 1950, with a contradictory rider attached, certain Senators stood steadfastly against any modification of the Amendment. There will always be gratitude for the 63 Senators who voted "Aye" on the Amendment, and an especially warm gratitude for the 33 Senators who, in addition to their "Aye" votes, proved their understanding of the woman movement by voting against any crippling modification. Among them the following face election campaigns this November: Senator George D. Aiken, Vermont; Senator Forrest Donnell, Missouri; Senator Walter F. George, Georgia; Senator Bourke Hickenlooper, Iowa; Senator Robert A. Taft, Ohio; Senator Charles W. Tobey, New Hampshire; Senator Millard E. Tydings, Maryland; Senator Alexander Wiley, Wisconsin; Senator Milton R. Young, North Dakota.

We are sure that Equal Rights advocates will remember with appreciation the stand taken by those who supported the Amendment. The same is true of Amendment sponsors in the House of Representatives.

The cause of Equal Rights will be carried forward by those candidates who believe in the cause of equality who have indicated their endorsement of the Equal Rights Amendment. They in turn deserve our support and backing.

Letters have gone to all State Chairmen of the National Woman's Party asking them to obtain from the candidates a pledge to vote for the Equal Rights Amendment. We should have many of these pledges. *Every member* of the National Woman's Party should question her candidates and send in the information to Headquarters immediately. Congress has recessed until after the election. Many members are back home now where you can see them personally. Call

them and arrange time for an interview. If possible take a delegation with you. If not possible, go alone.

Ask your candidate the direct question—"Are you for the Amendment *without* the Hayden rider?"

Explain carefully that it is no longer an Equal Rights Amendment if the Hayden rider is attached.

Point out that the Hayden rider abrogates all ideas of equality.

Make it clear that if an Equal Rights Amendment with the Hayden rider attached ever passed Congress and was ratified, the chances of winning equality for women would be more difficult than ever before.

Emphasize that women are human beings asking for "equal justice under law"—the very idea inscribed over the entrance of the Supreme Court.

Stress the fact that the United Nations Charter has incorporated in its preamble and six times in the body of the Charter—"the equal rights of men and women" and "Freedom for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion."

Keep it clear that as members of the United Nations, our government is pledged to carry out the ideas incorporated within the Charter and in the preamble thereof.

Get the information and let us know at Headquarters at once.

Remember you are carrying a message to Garcia!

What Can I Do For The Equal Rights Amendment?

YOU CAN . . .

1. See your Congressional candidates and ask them to vote for the Equal Rights Amendment without the Hayden rider.
2. Send literature to all candidates for office in your state.
3. Send all information to Headquarters at once.

BULLETIN

Vermont Candidates 100% Pledged

Jane Norman Smith, state chairman of Vermont, has done it again. She has contacted every Vermont candidate for Congress and has secured a pledge of support for the Equal Rights Amendment and against the Hayden Rider. May we hear from other states, too?

If Hayden's rider were to ride, thus pledges be unkept, And equal human rights denied, the clause we'd not accept. So take a moment, please, to write, one letter anyhow, To ask your Congressmen to fight for our Amendment NOW.



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TEXT OF EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

"Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.
"Congress and the several States shall have power, within their respective jurisdictions to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.
"This amendment shall take effect one year after the date of ratification."

STATUS OF AMENDMENT

Introduced:

In Senate, Jan. 13, 1949, by Senator Guy M. Gillette (D), Iowa, with 35 co-sponsors.
In House, Jan. 5, 1949, by Rep. Katharine St. George (R), N. Y., with 120 co-sponsors.

Referred to Judiciary Committee of both Houses, at time of introduction.

Reported:

Favorably by Senate Judiciary Committee, March 14, 1949.

Present Status:

In Senate,
Passed January 25, by vote of 63 to 19, with additional provisions.
In House,
Before Judiciary Committee.

IT IS OUR BURDEN

There is a saying from the ancient East that is well worth long thought: "There is danger in another's burden." At first sight, the words may seem deceptively simple, or even vague. But apply it to something familiar. Think of it in the light of the one wish we as women most strongly desire to see fulfilled . . . Or do we?

As the Eighty-first Congress closes, we think regretfully, "The amendment to give women equality has been forgotten again by our representatives." In other words, we feel that those whom we have selected by our votes have failed to serve us. They have failed to take up their rightful burden and to carry it to the end.

But look at the words above. Is it their burden? Or is it "another's," and is that "other" we ourselves? We all know the answer. It is ours. Since we fail to take it up, can any one else do it without danger?

Do You Know . . .

. . . THAT a bill to put women doctors and dentists in the Army and Air Force on exactly the same pay, promotion and retirement basis as men has just passed the Senate? With a similar bill passed by the House last year, it looks as if something of this kind is due to become law. Women are people in emergencies, apparently.

. . . THAT the two great national organizations of women, the Business and Professional Women's Club, with 2,800 clubs and 150,000 members in the forty-eight states, Alaska and Hawaii, and the General Federation of Women's Clubs, with more than 16,000 branches in the states and Alaska, speaking for nearly 5,500,000 again reaffirmed their stand back of the Equal Rights Amendment at their national conventions?

. . . THAT the Library of Congress, in its Exhibit-of-the-Week for the last week in August had as part of a commemorative exhibit on the promulgation of the suffrage amendment a signed, notarized and certified copy of the journals of the two houses of the Legislature of Tennessee, the thirty-sixth state to ratify the amendment? These documents are the property of the National Woman's Party.

. . . THAT the headquarters of the National Woman's Party, the lovely Alva Belmont House, to which you have written for so many years at 144 B Street, N. E., now is boasting a new address. It is 144 Constitution Avenue, N. E. It is not that the house has moved. Congress has simply permitted the District of Columbia to rename the street. The new name adds much dignity.

. . . THAT the original of the wife in the popular motion picture, "Cheaper by the Dozen," was Dr. Lillian Moller Gilbreth in real life, that she really is an efficiency engineer, sought after by all groups interested in such work, that she did actually bring up the twelve children after her husband's death, and that she was an ardent feminist, a tireless worker for women, and a great admirer of the National Woman's Party, featured in a 1939 issue of "Equal Rights."

. . . THAT Alice Eastwood, who is called the world's foremost woman botanist, flew to Sweden in July to serve as honorary president of the International Botanical Conference. There are two facts about her that every woman should know: she was ninety-two when she had the trip, and is a loyal member of the National Woman's Party.

. . . THAT women buy fifty-five percent of all goods consumed by the buying public? In the light of this fact, recruits for the equal rights amendment should be found among business men—they ought to try to please their best customers.

. . . THAT Smith College, at its seventy-fifth anniversary this year, paid tribute to Sophia Smith, out of whose longing for education came the determination and the dream that brought into being that great institution for the education of women? The featured attraction of the celebration was a play based on her life story.

. . . THAT the injustice of the Hayden rider to the Equal Rights Amendment so aroused the ire of Fannie M. Ackley, that she burst into rhyme about what she decries as "Unequal laws, so unjust, so undemocratic, so unpatriotic they are unworthy of consideration. Hence the righteous wrath (in rhyme) at the gross and glaring injustice of the Hayden rider." Her indignant protests, like the one below, spice our pages:

"The point vital in this jingle
Is that women, wed or single,
Should regard the Hayden rider
As the fly regards the spider."

New York State Conventions Re-Affirm Equal Rights Amendment Planks

IN RESPONSE to the expressed interest of informed women in New York state, both the Republican and Democratic State platforms drafted at recent Party Conventions, recommend passage of the Equal Rights Amendment by Congress.

The Republican Platform adopted by the Convention at Saratoga Springs on September 7th declares: *"We once again recommend to Congress the submission of a constitutional amendment granting equal rights for men and women."*

The New York Democratic State Committee, meeting at Rochester, New York, the same night, recommends that their platform declare for the submission by Congress to the States of a constitutional amendment granting equal rights to men and women. This was unanimously adopted by the Democratic State Convention.

This reaffirmation by both State Parties of their National Party Platform Planks on the Equal Rights Amendment comes with great meaning in a state where leaders are acutely conscious of the wishes of voters, and party pronouncements are seriously made.

Women in the Parties played no small part in these pronouncements. Jane Todd, Vice Chairman of the New York Republican Committee, had an active voice in the making of Party policy. She and Mrs. Charles Weis, Republican National Committeewoman for New York State, are long supporters of the Amendment.

In the Democratic Party, Miss Angela Parisi, Vice Chairman of the State Democratic Committee, and Evelyn Baker Richman, Attorney, who was a member of the Democratic State Platform Committee, are tireless workers for the recognition of women.

Before their Platform was drafted, the Democratic Platform Committee featured hearings to which organizations were invited to send speakers to present their desires of what the Platform should contain. Under the auspices of the New York State Branch of the National Woman's Party—Mrs. George H. Brown of De Witt, State Chairman—very effective presentations in behalf of an Equal Rights Amendment Plank were made. In Buffalo, at the Hearings in the Hotel Lafayette, Buffalo, on August 9th, Miss Mary Louise Nice, who two years ago made a phenomenal run for Representative in Congress in the 42nd Congressional District, spoke before the Committee asking an Equal Rights Amendment plank.

At the Democratic Platform Committee Hearings, continued in New York City, on August 16, at the Hotel Biltmore, strong pleas for inclusion of an Equal Rights Amendment plank were made by women leaders speaking for many influential groups.

As President of the New York City Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Claire M. Senie, explained the stand of her organization: "The Equal Rights Amendment would not only hearten women, but it is a necessary step in any all-out effort."

Fannie Hurst, distinguished author, and Judge Anna M. Kross represented the National Woman's Party. There was an impressive silence in the large room as Miss Hurst made a dramatic and earnest presentation.

Judge Anna M. Kross, also speaking for the National Woman's Party, then made a telling statement for the Equal Rights Amendment, and urged a reaffirmation of the Party's national plank for the Amendment, citing experiences as to the need for Equal Rights.

Mrs. Nina Brodrick Price, representing the Business and Professional Women's Clubs of New York State and a member of their state Committee for International Relations made a significant statement. She reminded the Committee that in 1937, after careful study, the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs indorsed the Equal Rights Amendment and has continued to urge its passage at each succeeding convention. "We of the New York State Federation representing membership in every important community in the state," said Mrs. Price, "are increasingly convinced that to be fair and just, legislation must apply equally to men and women. Women are tired of the double talk which under the guise of protection relegates them to second class citizenship."

Mrs. Sheila M. Roehner, Attorney, and Legislative Chairman of the American Society of Women Accountants made a strong statement of her organization's demand for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment by Congress, without modification.

Anita Pollitzer, as representative of the National Council of Women of the United States, and a member of its Executive Board, at the request of its National President, Mrs. Thomas G. Evans, explained the stand of the Council against discrimination. The National Council, with affiliated organizations numbering a membership of 5 million women, is pledged by its constitution to "the application of the Golden Rule in society, custom, and law." Miss Pollitzer told the Committee: "A pronouncement of great moral force was made in the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in May of 1950 when this Article to the Covenant was adopted: 'All are equal before the law; All shall be accorded equal protection of the law without discrimination on any ground such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political, or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.' We ask you in your platform to stand against any weakening of the equality program here enunciated."

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CHAS. E. ALDEN, Notary Public, D. C.

The Little Caravan

By AMELIA HIMES WALKER, Member National Council

How could we acquaint the women of the country with the perfidy of the Hayden rider? While I was pondering, the answer came bubbling into Headquarters to report the success of her first speech for Equal Rights—Ernestine Hale Bellamy, co-chairman of the Young Adults.

She was glowing with health, this statuesque blond. She had a mind that was keen-edged. She had had experience in lobbying Congress for the Equal Rights Amendment. She understood the spiritual necessity of equality before the law for human beings—a plane that many “old adults” have not yet reached. So why not take Ernestine as half the fighting force? Two stout souls in complete sympathy could do a lot of stirring among the grass-roots! And that was the origin of the little caravan which set out April 30th on its 10,000 mile tour.

The “general” who planned the route, and contacted the members who arranged the meetings in the cities and towns was Mildred Palmer in Washington. She measured the miles from city to city, threw in the days of rest, and kept in touch with the performers like a theatrical agent.

More than the scenery, more than the romantic cities we visited, I was stimulated by the congenial, interesting women who received us, and the bright exchange of ideas which soon bound us together so strongly. Among these were Mrs. Rena Maverick Greene of San Antonio who presented us with a copy of her grandmother's diary of the early days in Texas.

The same unconquerable spirit stimulates the women of Arizona. They shiver with shame because it was their Senator Carl Hayden who had introduced the rider that nullifies the intent of the Amendment.

There seems to be a surprising spirit of independence in Southern California where members of the League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women came to the banquet in San Diego and expressed themselves as favorable to the Equal Rights Amendment in spite of the failure of their conventions and executive committees to endorse it. That same situation exists in Washington and Wisconsin.

The thought came that President Truman could follow the precedent set by President Wilson in 1919, and go before the Congress and ask for the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. This would fulfill the platform pledges of his party, and strengthen the position of the United States as a leader of democratic ideas.

We suggested that our audiences write the President such letters. When the reply to my letter reached me, I noticed that it came, not from the President's secretary, nor the White House, but from the *Department of Labor*. Soon complaints came from many women who had also written the President. All our letters were being acknowledged by the Labor Department. We have no explanation why our letters were turned over to the Department of Labor. To ask for the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment is to ask for a measure of justice delayed for a century.

In Portland, at the brilliant meeting arranged by Ruth Rose Richardson, we met Mrs. Helena Granitsch, a founder of the World Woman's Party, and a refugee from Nazism in Austria. The wisdom of years of experience and suffering shines from her beautiful face. She said to me: “We must learn to avoid old mistakes and pitfalls.”

The Last Lap

By ERNESTINE HALE BELLAMY
Co-Chairman, Young Adults

The last chapter in the chronicles of our Equal Rights caravan was a happy one. After the meeting in Tacoma, Washington, the car turned East for the first time in nearly three months. After a memorable drive through snowdrifts twenty feet high on either side of the car, in Mt. Rainier National Park, we arrived in Spokane, Washington. Here Fannie Ackley and Elizabeth Nye of the Washington State Branch, NWP, had a busy time planned for us. We were interviewed by the *Spokane Daily Chronicle* in the morning, made a broadcast in the afternoon, and spoke at a dinner meeting at Zep Inn in the evening.

From Spokane we headed for Wyoming, driving through Yellowstone National Park. Unfortunately we had to cancel a visit with Elizabeth Wiley in Greybull, but in Laramie we stopped for an interview and to visit my great-aunt, Mrs. Mary G. Bellamy, who was the first woman in America to serve in a State Legislature.

The next speaking stop was Omaha, Nebraska, where Mrs. Hazel Smith, National Council member, NWP, had our day well-filled with an interview by the *Omaha World-Herald*, an appearance on television, and a huge dinner meeting in the Fontenelle Hotel. This last, held on the 102nd Anniversary of Seneca Falls Day, was well-attended by representatives of many national women's organizations.

From Omaha we drove to Madison, Wisconsin, where we were houseguests of Miss Mabel Griswold, Chairman, Wisconsin Society for the Equal Rights Amendment. In Madison we were guests at an informal dinner, made two radio broadcasts, held an interview, and spoke at a tea in Memorial Union, one of the impressive buildings on the University campus. We were amused, at this time, to find a “newsbreak” about our trip in *The New Yorker*!

Dr. Helena Ratterman, Advisory Council, NWP, arranged for us to speak at a luncheon meeting of the Cincinnati American Association of University Women, and while in Cincinnati we were interviewed by the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, and made a broadcast over WKRC. Then on to our last speaking stop en route: Columbus, Ohio. Here we enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Clara Snell Wolfe. We spoke twice in Columbus: first at a luncheon meeting of the Columbus Branch, NWP, and then at an informal meeting with the officers of the Dayton Branch and other organizations. Two days later we stepped out of the car for the last time as a “team” and handed the following statistics over to Dr. Wells, who had driven down from Upper Jay, N. Y., to be in Washington when we arrived:

Covered 11,000 miles, in 27 States

Trip lasted 94 days

Spoke 68 times

Including 17 Radio Broadcasts

And 5 Television Programs

Received more than 70 newspaper write-ups, many with pictures.

Were deeply grateful for the opportunity to meet personally so many loyal members of the National Woman's Party and to work with them.

Feel that trips of this sort are most necessary as a contact between Headquarters and the many Branches, explaining the current Congressional situation and how best we can all join together to strengthen the National Woman's Party and to bring about a more speedy passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.

August 26 - Thirtieth Anniversary of Suffrage Observed Throughout Nation

THE ANNIVERSARY of the winning of suffrage received recognition on a nationwide scale. Newspapers, magazines and radio united to remind the country that thirty years ago it had enfranchised its women.

The National Broadcasting Company celebrated the event by presenting a coast-to-coast program on, "We The People." This program, according to the Hooper rating, is heard on the air by two million families, and seen on television by one million five hundred families; a theatre full of spectators also saw the performance.

Miss Frances Maule, editor of the "Independent Woman," formerly prominent in New York State suffrage work, and Anita Pollitzer, past National Chairman of the National Woman's Party, gave graphic pictures of the dramatic work necessary to achieve the vote, and brought out the fact that the work for women's full emancipation still goes on. Miss Pollitzer spoke of the Equal Rights Amendment now before Congress, as a follow-up to the Woman Suffrage Amendment, the anniversary of which was being celebrated.

After an 1848 scene, women in professions which no one would then have dreamed of their practicing, were introduced and spoke. They were: Florence Chadwick of San Diego, California, who recently broke all women's records for swimming the English Channel; Betty Skelton, of Tampa, Florida, aviator, who holds the altitude for light planes, and the 1948, 1949 and 1950 Women's International Aerobatic Title; and 23-year-old Genevieve Cuprys, known as "Jungle Jenny," who goes to the jungles of the world, collecting wild animals and bringing them back alive, for Museums and Zoos in the United States. Not long ago she brought back six baby elephants by plane from Siam to New York, crawling in among them to shackle them when one broke loose.

Illustrating the fields of distinction in which women are serving today, which would have been beyond all

possibility when the equal rights movement was initiated in 1848, the following women spoke: The Honorable Nellie Tayloe Ross, Director of the United States Mint and former Governor of Wyoming; Colonel Geraldine May, of the Women's Air Force; Judge Sarah Hughes of the 14th District Court, of Dallas, Texas, and president of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs; Sylvia Porter, financial columnist for the New York Post; and Dr. Elyse L'Esperance, former President of the Women's Medical Association, and a worker for equality of status for women.

Anita Pollitzer reports that after the program, Florence Chadwick, holder of the Women's English Channel swimming record, who spent the last two years in Saudi Arabia, working, as she says, "because I needed the money to swim the Channel," joined the National Woman's Party, as an active member, and expressed deepest interest in the passage of the Amendment. With her experience in the world of sport, her two years at San Diego State College, one year at Business College, and two years of Law in San Diego and South Western University in Los Angeles, she naturally knows the need for equality and full opportunity without handicaps, for women. Betty Skelton and Jenny Cuprys also assured Miss Pollitzer of their desire to help.

The various states celebrated the occasion as each saw fit.

In the Washington area members of the National Council met at Alva Belmont House on August 28 to join the week-long commemoration of the ratification of the women's suffrage amendment. The Library of Congress held an exhibition for a week of the documents that gave women the vote.

Everywhere, many tributes were paid to Alice Paul, whose contribution to the realization of suffrage was so outstanding. As Miss Pollitzer pointed out, what is needed now is the passage of the equal rights amendment to complete the work begun in those early years.

"Perfect equality of rights—civil and political—is and must continue to be the demand of all self-respecting women."—SUSAN B. ANTHONY.

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ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the _____
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ARTICLE II

Object

The object of this organization shall be to secure for women complete equality with men under the law and in all human relationships, and to bring about the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.

ARTICLE III

Members

Membership shall be open to all women who support the object of this organization and comply with provisions for membership in local branches within the State and of the National organization of the National Woman's Party.

ARTICLE IV

Officers and Their Duties

SEC. 1. The officers of this organization shall be a Chairman, one Vice-Chairman, Corresponding Secretary, one Secretary and one Treasurer. The term of office of each officer shall begin at the end of the Annual Election at which each was elected and shall expire one year thereafter or at the beginning of the term of her elected successor. All officers serving at the time of the adoption of these By-Laws shall continue in office until the beginning of the term of their elected successors. The term shall begin at the close of each convention. No officer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. Any vacancy occurring in the aforementioned offices shall be filled by the vote of the remaining officers, to serve until the next Annual Election.

SEC. 2. The duties of the officers are those usually pertaining to their offices and such others as may be imposed by these by-laws or assigned by the consent of all the officers.

SEC. 3. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Branch, regular and special, and shall issue all calls for such meetings. She shall be the chief executive officer of the Branch. She shall appoint the chairmen of standing and special committees including the nominating committee. She shall be ex-officio a voting member of all committees. In case of the absence or disability of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman or other officer in order shall perform the duties of the Chairman.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall submit a full report whenever requested to do so by the Chairman or the majority of members of the Branch. Her accounts and records shall be submitted for audit at the close of each fiscal year. Only the Treasurer may make payments for obligations. An audited report shall be rendered to each annual meeting covering the period since the previous annual meeting, or at any special request for an audit should such occasion arise.

SEC. 5. She must turn all records over to her successor.

ARTICLE V

Other Committees

SEC. 1. Standing Committees shall be appointed for one year for such duties as the members of the local branch shall designate. There shall be the following standing committees: Legislative, Ways and Means, Membership, Organization and such others the members from time to time shall find necessary.

SEC. 2. Special committees may be created by the Chairman at the request of three members. The duties of special committees shall be temporary in character.

SEC. 3. Committee Chairmen shall make reports to the Branch, and shall deliver their records to their successors at the completion of their term of office.

ARTICLE VI

Finances

SEC. 1. The income of this organization shall be derived from dues, contributions, and from such other sources as the local Branch members may approve.

SEC. 2. All monies collected or received in the name of the National Woman's Party shall be accurately reported to, accounted for, and turned over to the Treasurer of the particular fund for which the money was collected.

SEC. 3. The annual dues shall be \$3.50; \$2.50 of which is sent to National Headquarters for Equal Rights magazine subscription (\$1.50) and general fund (\$1.00); \$.50 to be kept in the local Branch Treasury; and \$.50 to be sent to the State Branch where the State Branch does not have dues-paying members.

SEC. 4. The fiscal year shall be from July 1 of each year thru June 30 of the following year.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

SEC. 1. Regular meetings of the Branch shall be held at a time and place designated by the Chairman, or by a majority of the members of the Branch.

SEC. 2. Special meetings of the Branch may be called by the

ALIEN LAND LAW DECISION MAY HAVE FAR-REACHING EFFECTS

In a decision which may be history-making, the case of *Sei Fuji vs. California*, involving the constitutionality of that state's controversial Alien Land Law, was decided in favor of the plaintiff.

In the decision, Justice Emmet H. Wilson held the law to be unenforceable because of the provisions of the United Nations charter ratified by the United States, in which the signatories agree to "promote—universal respect for and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion." The judge cited also Article VI, Section 2 of the Constitution of the United States in which provision is made that "all treaties made, or which shall be made, under the authority of the United States, shall be the supreme law of the land; and the judges in every state shall be bound thereby, anything in the constitution or laws of any state to the contrary notwithstanding."

In ringing terms the justice pointed out that this decision was evidence of an intention that "the position of this country forbids trafficking in innocuous generalities, but demands that every state in the Union accept and act upon the Charter according to its plain language and unmistakable purposes and intent."

Members of the National Woman's Party should be especially interested in watching the fate of this decision should there be appeals to higher courts. Inasmuch as one of the discriminations expressly forbidden under the United Nations Charter, in the section cited in the above decision, is any discrimination based on sex, state laws relating to women would be vitally affected even to the point of being annulled. It should mean to the membership of the National Woman's Party that the decision provides a new argument for the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, by free vote of our representatives, rather than by judicial decision.

Chairman and must be called by her upon receipt of a written request directed to her and signed by five members of the Branch, and stating the purpose for which they wish the special meeting called. The call for such special meeting shall state the purpose, and no business shall be transacted except that stated in the Call. All special meetings shall be fixed for such times and places as the Chairman shall consider most convenient for the members.

SEC. 3. Accurate minutes shall be kept of all meetings.

ARTICLE VIII

Quorums

A quorum of the Branch shall be ten percent of the paid up members.

ARTICLE IX

Nominations

Not less than thirty days prior to the date fixed for the annual meeting, a Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman. This Committee shall then nominate at least one person for each office. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

ARTICLE X

Elections and Voting

SEC. 1. The election of officers shall be by ballot vote of the members of the Branch. A Plurality vote shall elect. In case there is only one candidate for each office, the Secretary may be instructed, upon adoption of a motion, to cast the Ballot of the voting body.

SEC. 2. Voting by proxy is prohibited at all meetings.

ARTICLE XI

Parliamentary Authority

Fox's "Parliamentary Usages," to be supplemented when desired by Roberts' Rules of Order, shall be the Parliamentary authority for this organization subject to these by-laws and to such rules as may be adopted by the membership.

ARTICLE XII

Amendments

These by-laws may be amended at any Annual Meeting, a quorum being present and voting, by a two-thirds vote. Notice and text of proposed amendments shall be given to the Secretary at least one week previous to the calling of the Annual Meeting, and notice and text of such proposed amendments shall be included in the Call to the Annual Meeting.

News From the States

District of Columbia Branch . . .

The Branch sponsored a garden party in connection with its annual meeting and election of officers on July 30, 1950.

Preceding the afternoon's gathering in the garden of Alva Belmont House was the celebration of the return of Mrs. Amelia Himes Walker and Ernestine Bellamy from their cross-continental tour of more than ten thousand miles.

The results of the election, held prior to the garden party, were as follows:

Chairman, Cornelia Carter; First Vice-Chairman, Jessie Blaine; Second Vice-Chairman, Clara Mander-schied; Third Vice-Chairman, Carrie Lou Allen; Recording Secretary, Ann Gilman Paul; Corresponding Secretary, Judy Ahrens; Assistant Corresponding Secretary, Miriam Goodwin; Treasurer, Dorothea Swan.

The meeting adjourned after a welcome to the new officers, and good wishes for their success.

On September 19th, Adelaide Johnson was awarded by the Sesqui-Centennial Commission the Silver Commemorative Medal, out of recognition of her accomplishments in her particular field.

Ohio . . .

Clara Snell Wolfe, chairman of the Ohio Branch, the National Woman's Party, sends us interesting news of an enthusiastic luncheon at Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio, on August 26, 1950, commemorating Ratification Day and organizing a new branch.

The program was in the form of a Round Table, with all present participating. Its theme was "Re-joicing in Past Achievements; Planning for the Future." Miss Margaret MacGibney, newly-elected Chairman, presided.

Other officers elected were: First vice-chairman, Miss Edith M. Walls; second vice-chairman, Dr. Anna Gordon Garlock; third vice-chairman, Miss Sue Z. McCracken; secretary, Miss Georgia Andrews; treasurer, Miss Marion Sayward. Elected to the executive board were Miss Cynthia Ware, Miss Eva Wingert and Miss Elizabeth L. Kardos.

Chief speaker was Miss Mary E. Prentice of Columbus, an attorney, who presented arguments for equality of women under the law.

Other speakers included Mrs. Arthur Griffith, president of the Federation of Women's Clubs of Greater Cleveland; Mrs. C. S. Swanbeck of Huron, president of the Ohio State Federation of Women's Clubs, and Miss Cecile D. Bilby, president of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Cleveland.

The Columbus Branch, also, Mrs. Wolfe informed "Equal Rights," celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of the proclamation of the suffrage amendment with a luncheon at the Columbus Country Club. The members there worked out a similar theme to that used at Cleveland.

"Equal Rights" was interested in a fine, one-page information bulletin, also supplied by Mrs. Wolfe, in which suggested action against the Hayden Rider was forcibly presented to Ohio women.

Cover Picture of July-August issue, "The Closed Door" may be purchased from Headquarters for 10c apiece.

Jan Christian Smuts

A Tribute

Women the world over have lost a friend. In the death of Jan Christian Smuts, of the Union of South Africa, the forces of freedom lost a champion. It was he who stood stalwartly for equality for women in the Charter of the United Nations. To him must go the greatest credit for the drafting of the Preamble to that historic document. He was at once a crusader and a guardian in the name of liberty. His passing leaves the world the poorer.

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